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Material in possession of the Dallas Police Department which had been seized by search warrant by that department on November 22, 1963, from 1026 North Beckley Street, Dallas, Texas, where LEE HARVEY OSWALD was residing, was reviewed and the following pertinent items relative to OSWALD's possible connection with subversive organizations were noted:

Letter by FARRELL DOBBS written on a letterhead of the Socialist Workers Party, 116 University Place, New York 3, New York, and addressed to Mr. LEE H. OSWALD, Box 2915, Dallas, Texas. This letter reflected that JAMES P. CANNON was the National Chairman and FARRELL DOBBS was the National Secretary. This letter replied to OSWALD's request for membership in the Socialist Workers Party (SWP). DOBBS advised OSWALD in this letter that there must be a minimum of five members before a branch of the SWP can be formed and added that it is not the practice to take individual members where no branch yet exists. DOBBS also mentioned that there are no branches as yet in Texas. The letter suggests that OSWALD signed subscribers to the Millitant and promoted the sale of socialist literature. A characterization of the Militant is set forth on the Appendix pages of this report. This letter is dated November 5, 1962.

A letter on plain paper dated December 9, 1962, written by BOB CHESTER with the address set forth in the upper right-hand corner as "116 University Place, New York 3, New York", and directed to LEE H. OSWALD, Box 2915, Dallas, Texas. This letter acknowledged receipt of OSWALD's letter as well as his reproductions. The letter states that OSWALD is apparently skilled at blow-ups, reversals and reproduction work generally. Mentioned in the letter was the fact that "We have access to a small offset shop here in New York." However, it was mentioned in the letter that in connection with letterpress work that OSWALD's skills may be used. The writer inquired as to the size of OSWALD's camera and concluded by stating that if OSWALD has any questions he should feel free to contact BOB CHESTER.

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A letter written on the letterhead of the Communist Party, U. S. A., 23 West 26th Street, New York 10, New York, and addressed to LEE H. OSWALD, July 31, 1963, Post Office Box 30061, New Orleans, Louisiana. This letter acknowledged receipt of OSWALD's letter to the Worker, a characterization of which is set forth in the appendix section hereof. The letter states "It's good to know that movements in support of fair play for Cuba has developed in New Orleans as well as other cities. We do not have any organizational ties with the Committee, and yet there is much material that we issue from time to time that is important for anybody who is concerned about developments in Cuba." The letter concludes by stating that the writer was sending some literature to OSWALD under separate cover and is signed "ARNOLD JOHNSON, Director, Information and Lecture Bureau."

A letter from ARNOLD JOHNSON, dated September 19, 1963, and directed to LEE H. OSWALD, New Orleans, Louisiana, which sets out that his letter of August 28 to ELIZABETH G. FLYNN was turned over to him for reply. It was also mentioned that OSWALD's letter of September 1 indicated OSWALD was moving to Baltimore and suggested that OSWALD get in touch "with us" here when OSWALD moves. Reference in this letter is made to a point OSWALD made about his residence in the Soviet Union and the letter continues by stating that as an American citizen in this country he, OSWALD, has a right to participate in any organization he wants. It was stated that there are many organizations, including "Fair Play" which are of a very broad character and suggests that it is often advisable for some people to remain in the background "in underground." It is suggested the matter be discussed at a later date.

A letter by JAMES J. TORMEY on a letterhead of the "GUS HALL - BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, Defense Committee, Room 1225, 22 E. 17th Street, New York 3, New York, which also reflects ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN as Chairman and JAMES J. TORMEY, Executive Secretary, characterizations of which are set forth in the appendix hereof. This letter is directed to "Mr. LEE H. OSWALD, Box 2915, Dallas, Texas."

The letter acknowledges receipt of samples of photographic work submitted by OSWALD and transmits appreciation for OSWALD's offer to perform "this type of work" as his contribution to the activities of that organization. The letter states the material is being placed on file for ready reference when need arises. The letter is dated December 13, 1962.

A characterization of the GUS HALL - BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, Defense Committee, is set forth in the appendix pages hereof.

A letter written by LOUIS WEINSTOCK, General Manager of the Worker, written on the letterhead of The Worker, 23 W. 26th Street, New York 11, New York, dated December 19, 1962, and directed to "LEE H OSWALD, P O Box 2915 Dallas Texas". The letter states that OSWALD's kind offer is most welcome and said that from time to time "We shall call on you." It was mentioned that the posters like blow ups are most useful at news stands and other public places to call the attention of newspaper readers that the 'Worker' is available. The letter is dated December 19, 1962.

A letter written by V. T. LEE, National Director, Fair Play for Cuba written on the letterhead of that organization with address at 799 Broadway, New York, New York, dated May 29, 1963, was directed to LEE H. OSWALD, 4907 L/C Magazine Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, is quoted below: